IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Before the Examiner:

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A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Responsive to the Office Action of May 31, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3.

Arguments begin on page 20.